

"Issues Facing Older Adults" Airs on Grafton Community Television

GRAFTON: Grafton Community Television begins airing the first of a new two part series entitled "Issues Facing Older Adults." Hosted by Grafton Senior Center Director Michelle Drumm, the in studio roundtable discussion features Grafton Police Chief Normand A. Crepeau, Jr., Mary Parenteau, Protective Services Manager of Elder Services of Worcester Area, Inc., and Attorney Arthur Bergeron, Elder Law Attorney of the Worcester legal firm of Mirick, OConnell.

Grafton Community Television will air "Issues Facing Older Adults" on the Grafton Government Channel - Charter Channel 12 and Verizon Channel 33 on Mondays at 5:00 PM, Thursdays at 8:00 PM, Fridays at 10:00 PM, and on Sundays at 10:30 AM. The half hour program addresses the prevalence and creativity of known scams primarily aimed at the senior population. Topics covered by the panelists include the need for Grafton seniors to request company identification from utility workers making house calls, mail solicitation scams, and scams involving people wanting to set up an appointment to visit your house or apartment. Also discussed are the "We're in the neighborhood, fixing a neighbor's driveway" type of door to door solicitations and the subject of phone calls seeking bail money for "your favorite grandchild."

A second program on the subject of Elder Abuse will be taped by Grafton Community Television in September.

According to Kris McMullin, Grafton Community Television Public Access Coordinator, "These are important issues facing older Grafton residents, and the staff at Grafton Community Television was pleased that we could provide the place and the technical support for Michelle Drumm and the Senior Center to assemble these experts on the subject."

Grafton Community Television provides programming on three distinct public access channels in the Town of Grafton over the Charter Communications and the Verizon cable systems. Monthly schedules for Grafton Community Television Channels can be found at www.GraftonTV.org. Charter Channel 11/Verizon Channel 34 provides general interest programming, Charter Channel 12/Verizon Channel 33 broadcasts town government programming, and Charter Channel 13 /Verizon Channel 32 features school programming and high school sports events. The Grafton Community Television studios and offices are located at 296 Providence Road in South Grafton.